

July 11, 2003

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF REVISED TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, July 16, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

**PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING TIME OF 9:00 a.m.**

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

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A continental breakfast and a lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 350-8865, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE  
REVISED TENTATIVE AGENDA  
July 16, 2003**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. Information.
<p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee regarding items on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.</p>	
4. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>	4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.
<p>Prior to action on the consent agenda, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p>	

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

*4A. <u>Approval of June 18, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approve June 18, 2003 meeting minutes.
<p>*4B. <u>Federal Fiscal Year 2003 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout and Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u></p> <p>As part of the FFY 2003 Interim Close Out of the MAG federally funded program, approximately \$13.4 million were recommended for a variety of FFY 2003 projects. Prior to Regional Council action on June 25, 2003, the City of Peoria requested to defer a project that was included in this recommended list of projects for additional funds. The FFY 2003 funds made available by the Peoria deferral total \$890,722. At their meeting on June 26, 2003, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended that the City of Peoria should receive \$100,000 in CMAQ funds for the design of a multi-use path underpass and the remaining \$800,000 in FFY 2003 Interim Close Out funds should go to the final design of the light rail project. As part of the recommendation for Final Close Out funds, the TRC recommended two contingency</p>	<p>4B. Recommend deferring the City of Peoria, 83rd Avenue at Thunderbird Road project to FY 2004; allocating \$100,000 in FFY 2003 funds for the design of a multi-use underpass in Peoria and \$800,000 for the final design phase of the light rail project as part of the last remaining interim close out funds; Also, to recommend \$400,000 additional funds for the Maricopa County, Gilbert Road and McDowell Road project as a final close out contingency project with any remaining final close out funds going to light rail final design project, and authorizing an Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the Peoria design project.</p>

projects: the first \$400,000 in funds that become available should be used for the Maricopa County, Gilbert Road and McDowell Road project and any remaining funds should be used for final design of the light rail project. In order to allow Peoria to utilize funds for their design project, an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, as shown in the attached Table, is needed to allow the design to proceed. Since the TRC meeting, the City of Peoria has requested that their 83rd Avenue at Thunderbird Road intersection project be deferred to FY 2004. At their meeting on July 9, 2003, the Management Committee concurred with the TRC recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*4C. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement for Transit Projects

As a result of changes in funding within the annual Federal Transportation Appropriations Bill, Valley Metro has reviewed the Federal Transit Administration Grant application that is under development and wishes to adjust the projects in the Annual Grant and in the TIP to ensure that the two programs are in conformance. As a result, Valley Metro has requested a TIP amendment that adds 11 new projects and deletes two and a TIP amendment is needed to accomplish these changes. In addition, Valley Metro has requested to defer four transit projects and to change the scope of 16 others and a TIP administrative adjustment is needed to accomplish these changes. All of the proposed changes may be categorized as exempt projects or minor project revisions for which an air quality conformity analysis is not required. Consultation on the conformity assessment for the proposed changes is considered under a separate agenda item. At their meeting on July 9, 2003, the Management Committee concurred with the TRC recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. Recommend approving an Amendment and Administrative Adjustments to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for transit projects.

**AIR QUALITY ITEM**

\*4D. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative

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adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested the amendment to add new transit projects and an administrative adjustment to defer, adjust, and delete existing transit projects. In addition, as part of the Federal FY 2003 Year End Final Closeout, an amendment is proposed to add a City of Peoria multi-use underpass design project on New River Road and to increase funding for the final design phase of the light rail project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

5. Maintenance Resolution

At the April 16, 2003 TPC meeting, members were requested to volunteer to serve on a Maintenance Stakeholders Group. The purpose of the group is to develop a mechanism to provide adequate resources to the Arizona Department of Transportation for maintenance purposes in the Maricopa region. This would include such issues as litter pick up, freeway sweeping and landscape maintenance. The Maintenance Stakeholders Group has met twice and developed a resolution for consideration by the TPC. It is anticipated that this resolution would also be considered by the Regional Council and the State Transportation Board. Please to the enclosed material.

6. Recommendation of Final Draft Stage of Regional Transportation Plan

At the July 2, 2003 meeting, staff presented a refined version of the Draft Hybrid scenario to be considered in the development of the Final Draft Stage of the Regional Transportation Plan. As required by state law, the Final Draft Stage of the Regional Transportation Plan is subject to a 30 day review period. The comments from the July 2, 2003 meeting have been incorporated into the plan for consideration by the member of the TPC. Once the elements of the plan are approved, staff will prepare the priorities for consideration at the July 22, 2003 meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Information, discussion, and recommendation to approve the maintenance resolution.

6. Information, discussion and recommendation to tentatively approve the Final Draft Stage of the Regional Transportation Plan, with the priorities to be considered at the July 22, 2003 TPC meeting.